

KARO-ECHO Membership Meeting

June 12, 2023

Hybrid In Person and Zoom

Attendees

In Person:

Howdy Goudey	KE6BEE
Frans Kuypers	KJ6IUV
Annette McCoubry	KJ6SWK
Tom Fattaruso	KN6BUY
Curt Smith	KM6HFT
Blake Yeaman	KN6CMP
Don Simon	NI6A
Karen Leong Fenton	KK6ZPM
Jay Fenton	KJ6WSS
Ednalee Warnecke	KN6VTY
Jim Marks	KN6VTC
David Naisuler	KN6BVF
Mike Camp	KI7FQ

via Zoom:

Hal Graboske	KK6NDF
Martha	K6ELO
Susan Yeaman	KN6CMR
Angela Jamerson	K6ZNA
Jerry Michaels	K6KOP
Michael Gold	AJ6RZ
Lorraine Schnurr	KN6CRT
Todd Teachout	W8BIK
Rhys Hiltner	AK6BA
Reese Kerley	

Agenda:

Call to order/logistics

Introductions

Approval of Minutes

Approval of Agenda

Treasurer's report
New business
Appreciation of Karen KK6ZPM and Jay KJ6WSS for hosting a great radio party
KE Standard Operating Guide (SOG)
4th of July tabling at El Cerrito Festival
Old business
Update on Join form and Roster
Update on Fire Dept coordination
Outreach/PR/web
Tech./Infrastructure
Elmering
Neighborhood nets and Comm. hubs
Trainings and Operations
Preparations for Field Day, Sat. June 24th at Kensington Park
Adjourn

Meeting called to order.

The May membership meeting minutes were approved
The meeting agenda was approved
Treasurer's report: no transactions this month

Business session

May 27 open house in-person social event

- Appreciation was given to Jay KJ6WSS and Karen KK6ZPM for hosting the May 27 open house event.

MOU or SOG with the Fire Department

- Don NI6A has written a Standard Operating Guide for the interaction between KARO-ECHO and the El Cerrito Fire Department during an emergency. Comments from members are welcomed.
- Fire Chief Saylor has made time for more meetings with Howdy KE6BEE. Progress has been made but nothing definitive has been decided yet.
- Chief Saylor is receptive to city-wide exercise with radio operator participation.
- The chief would like CERT to be operative once again but won't be able to run CERT.
- There is a possibility that CERT training in conjunction with Walnut Creek might be restarted.

El Cerrito July 4th table

- KARO-ECHO has registered for a table at the 4th of July festival.
- A link to a signup form is in the KE newsletter.

Website “join” form

- Rob K6RJM has edited the KE website “join” form to simplify it.

Ham Radio Exam Preparation

- Don NI6A is providing orientation, classes, and exam preparation for new hams or hams preparing to upgrade. More information is available in the newsletter.

Training**Field Day**

- Our location this year will be the KCC grass field near the basketball court.
- Hal KK6NDF obtained approval for us to use the field at no cost.
- A link to a Field Day participation sign-up form is in the newsletter.
- Setup begins at 7AM, operation begins at 11AM, and takedown should be done before 7PM.
- There will likely be foot traffic through the park for PR opportunities.
- There is very little parking space at the unloading area so we will need to unload our equipment and move our cars to another parking location.
- Pavilions planned are HF CW (NI6A), HF SSB (KE6BEE), HF digital (KJ6IUV), VHF/UHF (KJ6WSS), radio email server (KN6BUY), KN6VTY will be the safety officer.
- If EBARC does not operate a GOTA station with us this year any of our pavilions can provide the GOTA function.

Meeting adjourned.